

House Resolution No. 1602

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through excellence in education; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters, an esteemed resident of Peculiar, Missouri, will officially retire from the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District in June 2004 after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible twenty-six years; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters has played an integral role in the educational development of numerous youth as a Special Education Teacher for grades K-6 at Raymore Elementary School for six years and Peculiar Elementary School for eighteen years; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience as a Special Education Teacher at the Gemini Center for two years before joining the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri National Education Association, the International Reading Association, the Council for Exceptional Children, the Learning Disabilities Association, Avila's Teaching Excellence Team, the Mentor Program, and the Parent Teacher Association; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters looks forward to her retirement so that she can spend more time pursuing her favorite hobbies which include reading, gardening, traveling, and studying homeopathic medicine; and

Whereas, Linda Vaters has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband of forty-three years, Bob; her children, Steve and Jamie, Jeff, Rob and Kristin, and Darrin and Tammy; her ten grandchildren; and her mother, Dorene Freeland:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Linda Vaters for her twenty-six years of unparalleled service to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Linda Vaters.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1602, adopted April 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker